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RE: Docket 2008-196-E: Petition to Intervene

Dear Mr. Terreni:

As an SCE&G ratepayer, I am writing in regards to the request by SCE&G to build two expensive nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer site in Jenkinsville. As part of this request, SCE&G is also requesting an immediate rate increase to fund part of the construction costs as they occur.

As outlined in the SCE&G application for a rate increase, this project is fraught with a host of risks and the real possibility that costs will spiral out of control, thus having an extremely bad effect on rate payers.

As a party to the proceedings, I will be using my rights to present evidence and testimony and the right to question witnesses in cross examination. In particular:

- a) Reconciliation of the proposed construction costs versus the more typical and historical costs of nuclear construction. Why are these costs so far below historical costs when no AP-1000 Reactor has actually been built yet?
- b) The role of subsidies and guarantees related to the stated construction costs of this nuclear facility. What is the "hidden cost avoidance" provided by subsidies and guarantees.
- c) Use of renewable energy in the form of offshore wind potential and wind energy. Why isn't this a viable alternative?
- d) The role of energy efficiency in the private sector - (1) weatherization of existing homes, and (2) weatherization and smart energy management in existing commercial and industrial buildings. An extensive effort here could substantially reduce the need for added capacity. Why isn't this being addressed?

Thanks very much for considering my concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence P. Newton*

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The attached letter represents my request to act as an intervenor.

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